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REVIEWS

WHEELER AND JACK'S HANDBOOK OF MEDICINE. Revised by John Henderson. Ninth edition, 1932. pp. 654 + xvii. Edinburgh: E. & S. Livingstone.

THIS book requires little introduction to the student of former days who remembers its worth. The frequent editions which have appeared since 1894 are sufficient testimony to its popularity. The modern medical student, however, is faced with such a bewildering selection of books from which to choose, that it must be difficult for him to pick what he wants.

The Handbook of Medicine will appeal to the first-year hospital student who wishes to obtain a general idea of the subject. He will probably return to it later in his final year, as a means of rapidly revising his work. The book contains about six hundred pages, and in this compass the field of medicine is reasonably covered. The chapters on fevers have always been especially good. They present clear pictures of the essential points. The use and theory of the electro-cardiograph, present-day views on jaundice, liver therapy in pernicious anæmia, and other recent advances in medicine receive notice. In fact, the present ninth edition, which has been edited by Professor John Henderson of Glasgow, is thoroughly abreast of modern teaching—no mean achievement in a book of this size.

Space, of course, forbids anything more than a short account of each subject, but there is no tendency to overcrowding of the facts, and the style is easy to follow. Indeed, there is much to be said for the intelligent student who makes this book his textbook and inquires for further information, not in more pretentious volumes, but at the bedside, which is, after all, the proper place.

TEXTBOOK OF MEDICINE. Edited by J. J. Conybeare. Edinburgh: E. & S. Livingstone. Second edition, 1932. pp. 1004 + xvii; 14 plates. 21s. net.

THAT a second edition of this book is issued in less than four years is in itself a tribute to its value, and is also an index of the appreciation in which it has been held. We can well understand this, as the volume does not seem to be lacking in anything of value which would really increase its usefulness. The book is light to hold, the type is easily read, and the style surprisingly uniform in clearness of exposition.

Opportunity has been taken in this edition to revise the subject matter and to make additions to include recent work, e.g., the prevention and treatment of measles by convalescent sera, and modern views on the purpuras and Addisonian anæmia. We notice also an introductory chapter on the physiology of the blood, which should prove most useful. The illustrations are helpful in conjunction with the text, and have not the fault, so often present in textbooks, of overshadowing the text. We have failed to find any omission of importance, and can therefore recommend the book to medical students preparing for the final examination or senior degrees, and to general practitioners, as a sound guide to the principles of medicine.

The list of those who have contributed under Dr. Conybeare's editorship is in itself a warranty of the standard of the work, and a tribute to the editor.